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ABIDJAN BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, FBIS
THRU: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--February 1987

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Chad continued to dominate the bureau's coverage in February. Amidst continued reports of fighting in the north, some below the key 16th parallel demarcation line, several African leaders came out in support of the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Chad--a move widely interpreted as being anti-Libyan in nature. Among those making such calls were the heads of state of Ivory Coast, Cameroon, and Gabon and the Nigerian foreign minister. Another blow was struck to Libyan interests in Chad when the former vice president of GUNT--the Libyan-backed opposition to President Habre's government--called for ceasing opposition to Habre and returned to Ndjamena. Diligent work by bureau personnel along with BBC cruising observations allowed us to add an 1100 GMT (clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio cast to our normal coverage and complete a detailed cruising effort on Ndjamena. Both stations remain only poorly heard and erratic.

2. Several items were filed for BBC on the flap arising over the opening and subsequent closing of a new United Kingdom visa office in Lagos, Nigeria.

B. Coverage

Both AFP English and the Zairian news agency, AZAP, also provided challenges. For most of the month, AFP's English language beam to West Africa failed to follow announced frequencies or changed to new frequencies at unannounced times. The editorial staff was usually able to track this erratic pattern though not without considerable effort. On 27 February new AFP English frequencies were announced and to date they have been adhered to. AZAP appeared to be totally off the air for several days on all known frequencies. This problem was finally solved when an enterprising editor tracked them down on a new frequency only to have them return to their normal frequency the following day.

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor supervisor [] received a promotion to FBN-11/6 effective 15 February. STAT

2. The Embassy Administrative Office has requested bids for contracting out the management of some 200 employee association support personnel, including the bureau's custodial and driver staff. The conversion to personal services contracts--to be accomplished at this post by the end of May--is in response to a State Department policy of phasing out all employee association contracts.

III. VISITS

1. David Halstead, State Department deputy director for West African Affairs, visited the bureau on 19 February.

2. The bureau chief, deputy chief, engineer and chief monitor visited the chief press attache in the Ivorian Foreign Ministry to discuss bureau services to the Ivorian Government.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for FEBRUARY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	144730
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	9450
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	381

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8037.00 min.	23700.00 min.	113.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

BENIN

Cotonou Domestic Service in French	2470		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0

BURKINA

Ouadougou Domestic Service in French	4580		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0

CAMEROON

Yaounde Domestic Service in English	150		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	1210		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0

CAPE VERDE

Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			110
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Domestic Service in French	1410		
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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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CHAD
N'djamena Domestic Service in
French

22470

CLANDESTINE
(Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio
in
French

4920

CONGO
Brazzaville Domestic Service in
French
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in
French
Brazzaville ETUMBA in
French

0

0

0

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
Malabo Domestic Service in
Spanish

0

FRANCE
Paris AFP in
English
Paris AFP in
French
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in
French
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in
English
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in
French

4430

22660

0

0

10990

GABON
Libreville Africa No. 1 in
French
Libreville Domestic Service in
French
Libreville L'UNION in
French

1270

0

0

GHANA
Accra Domestic Service in
English

17460

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra GHANAIAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
 GREAT BRITAIN			
London BBC in English	7340		
London WEST AFRICA in English			1460
 GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	1300		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
 GUINEA-BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
 IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	950		
Abidjan Television Service in French	0		
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			380
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			6150
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
 LIBERIA			
Monrovia Domestic Service in English	1470		
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	4200		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	3740		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	1490		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	930		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	1130		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	7650		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	140		
Lagos NAN in English		1940	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
RWANDA			
Kigali Domestic Service in French	0		
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	2460		
DAKAR PANA in english		3040	

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Dakar PANA in French		0
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French		320
SIERRA LEONE Freetown Domestic Service in English	0	
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English		0
THE GAMBIA Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English		0
TOGO Lome International Service in French	0	
Lome Domestic Service in French	2560	
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French		0
ZAIRE Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	1000	
Kinshasa AZAP in French		950
Kinshasa ELIMA in French		0